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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 47 (APRIL 29, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 47TH MISSION-WIDE SURVEY.

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MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 281730Z APR 77.

NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS
GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES: NO CONTACTS REPORTED TO DDN. THE ONLY HOSTILE

FORCES INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT DDN WAS A MONITORED RADIO MESSAGE WHICH REPORTEDLY DIRECTED A LIGHT AIRCRAFT TO MAKE TWO SORTIES FROM KISENGE (1042S/2311E) TO A LOCATION IN ANGOLA, (POSSIBLY TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA) AFTER DARKNESS ON APR 28, 1977. THE PLANE WAS SAID TO BE TASKED WITH TRANSPORTING 82MM MORTARS AND AMMUNITION AND ONE PERSON.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. DDN HAS CONFIRMED THE FORWARD FAZ ELEMENT IS LOCATED AT MASOJI (1027S/2401E), AS OF 281000Z APR 77. THIS IS 67 KMS FROM KASAJI (1022S/2328E). NO OTHER INFORMATION ON FAZ OR MOROCCAN FORCES PROVIDED BY DDN.

B. MG BABIA HAS DIRECTED THAT A STUDY BEGINNING WITH LOGISTIC ORGANIZATION BE UNDERTAKEN ON A REORGANIZATION OF FAZ TO BE DONE CONCURRENTLY WITH THE ON-GOING SHABA OPERATION.

C. LOCAL NEWS MEDIA REPORT PARACHUTE DROP FROM TWO FAZA C-130'S BEHIND HOSTILE LINES AT DAWN OF 28 APRIL. REPORTEDLY 100 COMMANDOS AND EQUIPMENT WERE DROPPED BEHIND HOSTILE LINES AT AN UNSEPCIFIED LOCATION AND CAPTURED 9 POW'S. EMBASSY SOURCES HAVE NO CORROBORATION ON THIS OPERATION.

4. AIR:

A. DC-10 FROM BELGIUM WITH 56 TONS OF AMMUNITION ARRIVED KINSHASA 28 APR.

B. TWO US AIRCRAFT REPORTED SITREP 46, PARA 5B, ARRIVED AS SCHEDULED.

C. THREE FAZA C-130'S OPERATIONAL 29 APRIL.

5. DOMESTIC PRESS: FAZ PARACHUTE DROP BEHIND THE INVADERS' LINES

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AND MOBUTU STATEMENT THAT NO HARM WILL COME TO LUNDA PEOPLE DOMINATE KINSHASA MEDIA APRIL 29. "THE LUNDA PEOPLE CANNOT EXPECT ANY REPRESSION ON THE PART OF THE ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES AND IN ANY EVENT, I WILL NEVER ORDER IT," MOBUTU TOLD AZAP, REPLYING TO RUMORS IN FOREIGN PRESS, CHIEFLY IN BELGIUM, THAT THE FAZ WAS MISTREATING LUNDA TRIBESMEN IN SHABA. MOBUTU POINTED OUT HOW HE HAD ORDERED SOME TIME AGO DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS, TRACTORS AND MEDICINES TO THE MWANT YAV, SPIRITUAL HEAD OF THE LUNDA, FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGH WESTERN SHABA. VISIT OF AMIN, IVORY COAST SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ALSO RECEIVED MEDIA PLAY. TV EDITORIAL APRIL 28 PM REITERATES MEDIA STANCE RE FUTILITY OF DIALOGUE OR NEGOTIATIONS IN FACE OF ANGOLAN INTRANSIGENCE.

6. DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. KINSHASA:

1) WITH RUMORS CIRCULATING IN THE CITE ABOUT POSSIBLE GOVERNMENTAL REPRISALS AGAINST INDIVIDUALS OF SHABAN EXTRACTION, KINSHASA MEDIA (APRIL 29) IS GIVING FULL COVERAGE TO MOBUTU'S STATEMENT THAT "THERE WILL BE NO REPRESSION OF THE LUNDA PEOPLE."

TO DATE, EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY SYSTEMATIC PURGE OF SHABANS IN KINSHASA, BUT KINSHASA IS FAR FROM THE WAR ZONE WHERE RECONCILIATION AND "RECONSTRUCTION" CAN BE FAR MORE DIFFICULT. IN YESTERDAY'S INTERVIEW, REPRINTED IN AZAP APRIL 29, MOBUTU SOUGHT TO REASSURE THE LUNDA, STATING THAT THE KATANGAN GENDARMES HAD REJECTED THE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE MWANT YAV AND THUS, IN REBELLION, COULD NOT REFLECT UPON THE LUNDA WHO HAD REMAINED LOYAL.

2) IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN MOST RECENT EDITION OF "JEUNE AFRIQUE," MOBUTU MENTIONED FOR FIRST TIME SINCE HIS APRIL 9 SPEECH (SITREP 31) THE ALLEGED COMPLICITY OF A HIGH-RANKING OFFICER WITH ZAIRE'S ENEMY. MOBUTU IDENTIFIED THE OFFICER AS HAVING BEEN THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF LAND FORCES, THOUGH HE DID NOT GIVE A NAME. EMBASSY COMMENT: THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE COL MAMPA SALAMAYI.

7. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

A. "THE ENEMIES OF ZAIRE ARE THE ENEMIES OF UGANDA...

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WE WILL DO ALL TO HELP ZAIRE TO FINISH OFF THE MERCENARIES," STATED UGANDA'S IDI AMIN YESTERDAY (APRIL 28) IN LUBUMBASHI, AFTER A VISIT TO KOLWEZI WITH MOBUTU WHERE, ACCORDING TO AZAP (APRIL 29), BOTH INSPECTED ARMS AND AMMUNITION OF "SOVIET ORIGIN."

B. VISIT OF IVORIAN SPECIAL ENVOY LOUIS DIOMANDE WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU YESTERDAY IN LUBUMBASHI ALSO COVERED BY ZAIRIAN MEDIA (APRIL 29). CARRYING A MESSAGE TO MOBUTU FROM HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, DIOMANDE DECLARED TO THE PRESS THAT IVORY COAST AND OTHER MODERATE AFRICAN STATES SUPPORT MOBUTU.

C. ACCORDING LOCAL MEDIA, PRESIDENT DECIDED THAT SUDANESE, CENTRAL AFRICAN AND UGANDAN TROOPS, WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED IN SUPPORT OF FAZ, SHOULD REMAIN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES UNTIL THE SITUATION WARRANTS THEIR PRESENCE IN SHABA.

8. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION:

A. CIS HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM MG BABIA TO RETURN TO KOLWEZI MAY 2. CIS RETURNEES WILL CONSIST OF 12 EMPLOYEES AND 3 DEPENDENTS.

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